



# **DOWNTOWN UPDATES FOR AUGUST 2014**

## **CLEANLINESS**

### **Sidewalk Cleaning Contract**

The new contract has been awarded.

### **Street cleaning**

Street sweeping occurs nightly in Downtown. The schedule rotates and cleaning is done more frequently in the central areas.

### **Graffiti**

The 90-day assistance program is going well. Compliance officers and support staff are on board and implementing the program.

### **Public Restrooms**

Hours for the bathrooms in the Haywood Street atrium have been expanded for the summer.

## **SAFETY/ADDRESSING NUISANCE BEHAVIORS**

### **Drug Activity in Pritchard Park**

APD/DT Unit is continuing to monitor and make arrests as needed. Park Ranger supervision is being transferred to the Downtown Unit.

### **Panhandling**

APD/DT Unit recommends developing ways to encourage a higher level of reporting from downtown visitors. The Downtown Association is exploring ways to partner with the City to accomplish this.

### **Busking/Peddling**

This issue is being reviewed by the Staff Downtown Task Force.

### **Moped Parking on Sidewalks**

Staff are waiting to see how State legislation will impact how the City can regulate parking on sidewalks.

## **CITY-INITIATED PROJECTS and PROGRAMS**

### **Installation of Trash and Recycling Containers**

Project was completed in June.

### **Thomas Wolfe Renovations**

RFP request has been issued. The project is anticipated to take approximately 12 months to complete once started.

## OTHER

### **City Owned Property: 68-76 Haywood Street**

Continuing negotiations for consultant to assist with RFQ/RFP process. More information can be found at: [www.ashevillenc.gov/projects](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/projects)

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